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SUBJECT: BOGDAN CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAJOR POINTS COVERED DURING OCTOBER 11 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL BY ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN. BOGDAN REQUESTED THE CALL TO DISCUSS CERTAIN SUBJECTS AND THUS ELIMINATE NEED FOR ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU TO COVER THEM DURING HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13.
2. BOGDAN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT REQUESTED THAT THE USG REOPEN THE CCC CREDIT LINE OF ABOUT \$40 MILLION THAT EXPIRED UNUSED ON JUNE 30, 1973. THIS CREDIT WOULD BE USED IN BUYING COTTON. BOGDAN'S REQUEST FOLLOWED THE GENERAL LINES OF STANICU/BUTNARU REQUEST REPORTED IN REFTEL (A).

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3. OUR RESPONSE (ALONG LINES OF REFTEL B) EMPHASIZED THAT

U.S. COTTON SUPPLY WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT, THAT COTTON PRICES HAD TRIPLED OVER PAST YEAR AND THAT NO CCC CREDIT LINES HAD BEEN OPENED SINCE MARCH 23, 1973. IN FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WE EXPLAINED THAT ALL CCC CREDIT REQUESTS (10) WERE AT PRESENT BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION; USG REGRETFULLY IS NOT IN POSITION AT THIS TIME TO REINSTITUTE THE CCC CREDITS WHICH EXPIRED ON JUNE 30.

4. BOGDAN REFERRED TO ROMANIA'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING MFN

STATUS AND STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE NOT TO HAVE MFN FOR ROMANIA TIED TO MFN FOR THE USSR. HE ASKED WHETHER THE USG WOULD AGAIN CONSIDER SUPPORTING A SEPARATE MFN BILL FOR ROMANIA AS IN 1972 OR OTHER MEANS OF GIVING THE PRESIDENT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD.

5. IN COMMENT, STOESSEL STRESSED THAT WE DID NOT TIE MFN FOR ROMANIA WITH MFN FOR THE USSR. THE PRESIDENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE TRADE REFORM BILL. STOESSEL ALSO NOTED THAT USG WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY ALL POSSIBILITIES CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF MFN TO ROMANIA AND HE WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BOGDAN AS SITUATION DEVELOPED.

6. BOGDAN SAID GOR WAS MOST INTERESTED IN TWO ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE: (1) PRINCIPLE OF RENUNCIATION OF FORCE AND (2) CREATION OF PERMANENT ORGAN TO CONTINUE WORK OF CSCE. HE ASKED FOR STOESSEL'S OPINION OF CONFERENCE'S ACTIVITIES.

7. STOESSEL NOTED THAT

IN GENERAL WE DO NOT WANT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES JUST TO CREATE THEM. HE COMMENTED THAT U.S. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT NO NEW INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY IS NEEDED WHEN PROBLEMS ARE READY TO BE SOLVED. STOESSEL SAID THAT CONFERENCE NOW SEEMS TO BE OPERATING MUCH MORE SMOOTHLY THAN AT BEGINNING, WHEN CONSIDERABLE TIME WAS SPENT WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF GETTING ORGANIZED. KISSINGER

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